

[Please add the following new claims.]

27. (New) A method for providing selectable characters within a user interface comprising:

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determining an operating mode of a communication device;  
receiving a first input associated with a selected key;  
determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode;  
displaying a first character of the group of characters associated with the selected key within a first portion of the user interface;

displaying a cursor within the first portion of the user interface, the cursor positioned centrally relative to a second portion of the user interface and highlighting the first character; and

horizontally displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface.

28. (New) The method of Claim 27, further comprising segmenting the group of characters associated with the selected key displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

29. (New) The method of Claim 27, further comprising:  
determining a display mode associated with displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within the user interface; and

displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the determined display mode.

B 30. (New) The method of Claim 27, further comprising:  
receiving a second input associated with the selected  
key;  
determining a time interval between receiving the first  
input and receiving the second input; and  
calculating a time-out period using the time interval.

31. (New) A user interface for displaying selectable characters comprising:

B a first display portion operable to horizontally display a group of characters associated with a selected key in response to the selected key being selected a first time;

a second display portion;

a cursor centrally displayed relative to the first display portion within the second display portion, operable to display a first character of the group of characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first display portion, in response to the selected key being selected a first time, and operable to display a second character of the characters associated with the selected key, in response to the selected key being selected a second time; and

an input device operably coupled to the first display portion and the second display portion, the input device comprising a plurality of keys.

32. (New) The user interface of Claim 31, further comprising at least one operating mode associated with providing the group of characters.

33. (New) The user interface of Claim 31, further comprising an algorithm operable to determine a time-out period based on user interaction with the user interface.

B 34. (New) The user interface device of Claim 31, wherein the input device comprises a keypad having at least one key operably coupled to the group of characters based on an operating mode.

35. (New) The user interface of Claim 31, further comprising selectable soft keys displayed within a portion of the user interface.

36. (New) A communication device for providing a communication address comprising:

B means for determining an operating mode of a communication device;

means for receiving an input associated with a selected key;

means for determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode;

means for displaying a first character of the group of characters associated with the selected key within a first portion of the user interface;

means for displaying a cursor within the first portion of the user interface, the cursor positioned centrally relative to a second portion of the user interface and highlighting the first character; and

means for horizontally displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first character within the second portion of the user interface.

37. (New) A medium comprising encoded logic for displaying selectable characters operable to:

B determine an operating mode of a communication device;

receive an input associated with a selected key;

determine a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode;

display a first character of the group of characters associated with the selected key within a first portion of the user interface;

display a cursor within the first portion of the user interface, the cursor positioned centrally relative to a second portion of the user interface and highlighting the first character; and

horizontally display the group of characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface.

38. (New) The medium of Claim 37, further comprising logic operable to:

determine a display mode associated with displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within the user interface; and

display the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the determined display mode.

39. (New) The medium of Claim 37, further comprising logic operable to:

receive a second input associated with the selected key;

determine a time interval between receiving the first input and receiving the second input; and

calculate a time-out period using the time interval.

B 40. (New) The medium of Claim 37, further comprising logic operable to:

determine a time-out period associated with displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key;

highlight a first character within the group of characters associated with the selected key; and

highlight a second character within the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the time-out period.

41. **(New)** A method for providing selectable characters within a user interface comprising:

determining an operating mode of a communication device;

receiving a first input associated with a selected key;

determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and

displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within a user interface;

receiving a second input associated with the selected key;

determining a time interval between receiving the first input and receiving the second input; and

calculating a time-out period based on the time interval.

42. **(New)** The method of Claim 41, further comprising segmenting the group of characters associated with the selected key displayed within the user interface.

43. **(New)** The method of Claim 41, further comprising:

determining a display mode associated with displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within the user interface; and

displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the determined display mode.



44. (New) A user interface for displaying selectable characters comprising:

B a first display portion operable to display a group of characters associated with a selected key in response to the selected key being selected;

a second display portion operable to display one of the characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first display portion; and

an input device operably coupled to the first display portion and the second display portion, the input device comprising a plurality of keys

a processor operable to determine a time-out period based on user interaction with the user interface.

45. (New) The user interface of Claim 44, further comprising at least one operating mode associated with providing the group of characters.

46. (New) The user interface device of Claim 44, wherein the input device comprises a keypad having at least one key operably coupled to the group of characters based on an operating mode.

47. (New) The user interface of Claim 44, further comprising selectable soft keys displayed within a portion of the user interface.

48. (New) A communication device for providing a communication address comprising:

B means for determining an operating mode of a communication device;

means for receiving an input associated with a selected key;

means for determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode;

means for displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within a user interface;

means for receiving a second input associated with selecting the selected key;

means for determining a time interval between receiving the first input and receiving the second input; and

means for calculating a time-out period based on the time interval.

49. (New) A medium comprising encoded logic for displaying selectable characters operable to:

determine an operating mode of a communication device;

receive an input associated with a selected key;

B determine a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode;

display the group of characters associated with the selected key within the user interface;

receive a second input associated with the selected key;

determine a time interval between receiving the first input and receiving the second input; and

calculate a time-out period based on at least the time interval.

53. (New) The medium of Claim 54, further comprising logic operable to:

determine a display mode associated with displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within the user interface; and

display the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the determined display mode.

54. (New) The medium of Claim 54, further comprising logic operable to:

highlight a first character within the group of characters associated with the selected key; and

highlight a second character within the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the time-out period.

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